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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PROJECTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

**VIA: Executive for A & M
Executive Director**

Subject: Population and Manpower Study

1. It has been agreed by all interested agencies (IAC agencies plus the Bureau of the Census and the National Office of Vital Statistics) that, in the interest of national security, there should be established a central working unit for the collection and evaluation of population and manpower intelligence information on foreign countries for the use of the intelligence and other interested government agencies.

2. It was recommended by a working committee composed of representatives from CIA, State, Office of Vital Statistics and the Bureau of the Census, that the most logical place for the establishment of such a unit was in the Bureau of the Census, and this recommendation, together with supplementing information, was forwarded to the Director who approved of the plan.

3. The Director, on 8 April, conferred with Mr. Capt, Director of the Bureau of the Census, and agreed verbally to the transfer of funds from CIA to the Bureau of the Census for the establishment of the aforementioned committee; estimated to be between forty and sixty thousand dollars.

4. Further detailed study has revealed the following facts:

a. The unit in the Bureau of the Census should be composed of professionals hired by the Bureau of the Census, who are well qualified in the subject field.

b. It is estimated that these professionals, 6 in number, together with the necessary translators and clerical help (3), would cost approximately \$70,000. This sum would allow the Bureau of the Census a certain amount of flexibility in selecting personnel according to circumstances, together with a small fund for travelling expenses where necessary.

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5. Several other questions arose during the course of a conference between representatives of CIA, State, Office of Vital Statistics and the Bureau of the Census, which should be resolved before further steps are taken. These are: (a) Should the Bureau of the Census hire the necessary personnel or should CIA hire them and transfer them for duty with the Bureau of the Census? Factors involved in this regard are security checks, flexibility of hiring under Civil Service Regulations, etc. (b) Should the amount determined necessary be transferred direct to the Bureau of the Census or through a third agency? (c) Feasibility of setting up funds on two-year basis?

6. The other agencies participating in the project will be requested to appoint liaison officers for the project furnished from their own staff.

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